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1. REFTEL RECEIVED AUGUST 21.

2. RE PARA TWO REFTEL, FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED:

A. LOAN OF TEACHERS EXPERIENCED IN CURRICULUM FORMATION AND METHODOLOGY OF TEACHING WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED. TEACHERS WOULD HAVE TO BE LOANED TO MEC AND SHOULD BE SPEAKERS OF PORTUGUESE AND CRIOULO. BELIEVE AT LEAST TWO COULD BE PROFITABLY USED IN CAPE VERDE. WOULD BE BEST IF ALL EXPENSES WERE PAID FOR THOSE SENT TO THE ISLANDS.

B. SIMILARLY SOMEONE EXPERIENCED IN COLLECTION AND COLLATION OF STATISTICS WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE IN THE ISLANDS. AGAIN SOMEONE SPEAKING PORTUGUESE OR PORTUGUESE AND CRIOULO WOULD BEST FIT. AS YOU WILL RECALL WITH ASSISTANCE OF UNDP CAPE VERDE WILL BE BEGINNING PREPARATION FOR CENSUS DURING NEXT YEAR: STUDY WILL ALSO BE MADE OF TAX SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL BASE.

C. CAPE VERDE GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN PRODUCTION OF POULTRY ON LARGE SCALE. A POULTRY PLANT AND HATCHERY COMPLEX EXISTS IN MINDELO BUT NEEDS SOMEONE TO MANAGE/DIRECT AND ORGANIZE ITS OPERATIONS TO PUT IT
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BACK INTO OPERATION. LOAN FOR ONE YEAR OF EXPERT IN POULTRY HUSBANDRY WOULD BE USEFUL.

D. ON BRAVA AND FOGO ISLANDS AS MANY AS SIX HUNDRED CASES OF LEPROSY HAVE BEEN DETECTED. THE LOAN FOR TWO YEARS OF A DOCTOR EXPERIENCED IN TREATING LEPROSY WOULD BE APPLAUDED. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES INCLUDING VACCINES FOR LEPROSY DETECTION AND TREATMENT ALSO NEEDED.

E. A TECHNICAL COOPERATION VETERINARIAN IS REQUIRED FOR THE LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT SAO JORGE TO DIRECT THE CENTER. HE/SHE WOULD TRAIN HIS/HER REPLACEMENT. TECHNICIAN NEEDED FOR TWO YEARS AND SHOULD SPEAK PORTUGUESE AND/OR CRIOULO.

F. THE GOCV PLANS TO ESTABLISH A TAXATION AUDIT SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. ONE OF ITS MAJOR DUTIES WILL BE AUDITING THE ACCOUNT OF PRIVATE AND STATE ENTERPRISES FOR TAX PURPOSES. A PORTUGUESE, FRENCH OR CRIOULO SPEAKING CONSULTANT IS REQUIRED FOR FROM FOUR TO SIX MONTHS TO ADVISE ON WORKING METHODS AND PROCEDURES.

G. IN TERMS OF PROJECTS, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING IDEAS ARE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION:

-BRAVA WATER DISTRIBUTION: WOULD INVOLVE PROVISION OF PUMP LINE, GASOLINE ENGINE TO BRING PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF WATER FROM FEJAO D'AGUA TO PARCHED TOWNS OF UPPER ISLAND.

-THE SECRETARIAT FOR COMMERCE, TOURIS AND HANDICRAFTS NEEDS ADVICE IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS CONCERNED WITH THE OPERATION AND SUPERVISION OF CAPE VERDE'S COMMERCE, BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL. THE FIELDS INCLUDE THE GENERAL PLANNING OF FOREIGN TRADE, TRADE INFORMATION, TRADE STATISTICS, CUSTOMS TARIFF REVISION, TRANSPORT COSTS OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, TRADE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENTS AND TRADE PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTATION. THE SECRETARIAT NEEDS SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS, UP TO SIX MONTHS, TO ASSIST GOCV OFFICIALS NOW WORKING IN THIS OFFICE. A TOTAL OF ABOUT 24 MONTHS OF CONSULTANT TIME WOULD
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COVER THE WHOLE OF THIS NEED.

-BRAVA: CONSTRUCTION OF 70,000 LITER CISTERN FOR CITY. PRESENTLY ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT OF RAINFALL RUNS OFF TO THE SEA. NEEDED: CEMENT, REBAR, STONES AND BLOCKS. ESTIMATED COST: U.S. DOLLARS 12,000 (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION COSTS).

-WATER PUMPS NEEDED FOR SANTIAGO AND FOGO ISLANDS. HOLES HAVE BEEN DRILLED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS AND WATER HAS BEEN FOUND. PUMPS ARE NEEDED TO BRING WATER TO SURFACE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AS WELL AS FOR IRRIGATION. EITHER GASOLINE OR WIND DRIVE PISTON-TYPE PUMPS COULD BE USED. TOTAL OF SIXTY PUMPS NEEDED AS WELL AS 6,000 METERS OF PLASTIC PIPING AND 3,000 METERS OF PLASTIC SCREENING. ESTIMATED COST (INCLUDING EVER PRESENT TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT) PER PUMP IS U.S. \$3,600.

-FOGO AND SANTIAGO: TWO 3,000 LITER TANKER TRUCKS (FOUR WHEEL DRIVE) ARE NEEDED FOR THE REFORESTATION PROJECT WHICH WILL SOON BEGIN.

-FOGO: ONE 5,000 LITER TANKER TRUCK IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER. THIS WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE AND TELLING IMPACT ON SUPPLY OF WATER TO RURAL AREA OF FOGO. GOOD SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND TIRES ESSENTIAL.

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-LIBRARIES: BOOKS ON ALL SUBJECTS MUCH NEEDED AT BRAVA, FOGO AND PRAIA LIBRARIES. LANGUAGE SHOULD BE ENGLISH OR PORTUGUESE. SUGGESTED QUANTITIES: 3,000 FOR PRAIA, 4,000 FOR FOGO AND 6,000 FOR BRAVA. A LENDING LIBRARY OF 200 HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FILMS IN PORTUGUESE IS ALSO BADLY NEEDED.

-DRY FISH PROCESSING PLANT: BRAVA ISLANDERS CATCH A VARIETY OF FISH IN QUANTITY. HOWEVER THERE ARE NO MEANS OF PRESERVING THEIR CATCH. FOR RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY (U.S. \$120,000) A SMALL FISH DRYING PLANT COULD BE SET UP. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE FISH HARVEST ALL OVER THE ISLAND AND WOULD INCREASE PROTEIN INTAKE.

-CARPENTRY SHOP MATERIAL: SHOPS IN FOGO AND BRAVA ARE BADLY IN NEED OF MATERIALS (AS SAWS, HAMMERS, NAILS, LEVELS, SQUARES, RACHETS, ETC.). VALUE OF MATERIALS: U.S. \$40,000 NEEDED.

-PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACT INSTRUMENTATION IS NEEDED FOR A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS UNIT AT PRAIA HOSPITAL. UNIT SEEKS TO PRODUCE ASPIRIN, VITAMINS D AND C, PENICILLIN, ETC. FOR INTERNAL USE. COST OF LOCALLY PRODUCED MEDICINES LESS THAN HALF THAT OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS.

-SOLAR COOKER EXPERIMENTATION. AS NEARLY ALL OF THE TREE AND SCRUB COVER USED IN THE PAST FOR DOMESTIC COOKING PURPOSES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, MOST CAPE VERDE FAMILIES NOW COOK WITH SMALL STOVE FIRED BY OIL, THUS BURDENING THE
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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION. AS CAPE VERDE AVERAGES MORE THAN 300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR, IT APPEARS TO BE AN APPROPRIATE LOCALE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF SOLAR COOKERS. ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A SOLAR ENERGY TECHNICIAN FOR SIX MONTHS IS REQUIRED AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF SOLAR COOKER PROTOTYPES. ESTIMATED COST: \$50,000 BUT POTENTIAL IMPACT TREMENDOUS.

-PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES, SANTA CATERINA, SANTIAGO ISLAND. EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS AND FURNITURE FOR SCHOOLS NEEDED. TOTAL COST PROBABLY UP TO \$100,000 U.S.

-BRAVA AND FOGO HEALTH PORTS: BEDS, MATTRESSES, LAMPS, NETTING, SANITARY DEVICES ARE NEEDED AT HEALTH PORTS IN BOTH BRAVA AND FOGO ISLANDS. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND PAIRS OF CRUTCHES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL OF THE ISLANDS.

-PROSTHETICS: CAPE VERDE HAS A STARTLING NUMBER OF YOUNG AND OLD WHO HAVE LOST SOME PART OR ALL OF THEIR LEGS. THIS SEEMS TO BE A RESULT OF THE AMBIANT POOR DIET AND LACK OF MEDICAL FACILITIES. THE PROVISION OF AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED PROTHETIC DEVICES ALONG WITH A TECHNICIAN WHO COULD INSTALL THEM WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE POOR SOULS WHO ARE CONDEMNED TO HOBLING ABOUT WITH A CLUMP OF WOOD TIED TO THEIR STUMP(S).

2. TWO INVESTMENT TYPE PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE CAPE VERDEAN COMMUNITY ARE:

A. LOBSTER FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. LOBSTER FISHING BASED IN SAL IS TO BE DEVELOPED, MAKING USE OF PARTLY FINISHED INSTALLATION. THERE IS TO BE A LOBSTER FARM, WITH A 1,500 TON COLD STORE, DEEP FREEZE TERMINAL AND ICE-MAKING MACHINERY. PART OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IS STILL TO BE OBTAINED. ALSO NEEDED IS A 30-METER LOBSTER BOAT. TOTAL CAPITAL COST ESTIMATED AT U.S. \$1,750,000. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF LOBSTER AROUND SAL ISLAND AND EXCELLENT AIR CONNECTIONS TO LISBON, NEW YORK, PARIS AND AMSTERDAM WHERE LOBSTER GOES FOR \$20 A KILO OR MORE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TEN METRIC TONS OF LOBSTER CAN BE TAKEN PER MONTH IN SAL WITH NO DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE LOBSTER GROUNDS. THIS PROJECT IS MADE EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE BY USAID DESALINATION PROJECT ON SAL ISLAND, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER FIVEFOLD.

B. MINERAL WATER PROJECT: ON BRAVA ISLAND A SOURCE OF GASEOUS MINERAL WATER (WATER SIMILAR IN TASTE TO EVIAN) HAS BEEN FOUND. THIS SOURCE (AT VINEYRO) HAS COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES. THE AVAILABILITY OF BOTTLED VINEYRO WATER WOULD ALLOW CAPE VERDE TO REDUCE IMPORTATION OF PERREIR AND AGUA CERTELO AND SAVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE. THE PLANT WOULD ALSO GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO SEVERAL PEOPLE IN

BRAVA. TOTAL INVESTMENT CAPITAL NEEDS: 1,600,000. PROJECT
COULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

C. BRAVA AND FOGO ISLANDS ALSO HAVE GREAT RESERVE OF
EXCELLENT LOBSTER BEDS TO BE EXPLOITED. PROBLEM IS
TRANSPORTATION AND CHILLING/FREEZING FACILITIES.

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